



**Attendees:** Annie Simpson (USGS, cochair), Bob Norwierski (NIFA), Chris Holdren (BOR), Jonathan Jones (APHIS), Terri Hogan (NPS, note taker), MaryAnn Rondinella (FHWA, cochair), Russ Jones (EPA), Al Tasker (APHIS), Steve Manning (IPC, guest speaker)

### Meeting Summary

This call followed the executive session of FICMNEW, which began 90 minutes earlier. This month there was a presentation by Steve Manning of Invasive Plant Control, Inc. on the development of a Weed Wrangle template for engaging local communities. The meeting included Agency Round Table Reports.

### FICMNEW - Open Meeting - 27-May, 10:30 AM ET Facilitated by MaryAnn Rondinella

- **NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING TIME:** Next meeting, Wednesday, 24-June-2015 will begin at 2:30 PM ET
- **A Template for Engaging Local Communities, presentation by Steven Manning of Invasive Plant Control (IPC), Inc:**
  - Manning presented on the first-ever WEED WRANGLE NASHVILLE, a one-day, citywide, volunteer effort to help rescue public parks and green spaces from invasive species through hands-on removal and education. The event was successfully held at ten public parks and other public-accessible spaces across Nashville during the 2015 NISAW. This event, sponsored in part by The Garden Club of America, is intended to be developed into a model to be used nationwide to strengthen the invasive species issue to the general public.
  - The Weed Wrangle Template for Engaging Local Communities through a Citywide Invasive Plant Event is an effort to reach the public and fully connect with them using a single, coordinated message. In many cases and over the years, we have been preaching to the choir. A more strategic approach is needed to reach beyond those who are already knowledgeable about the topic of invasive species. IPC worked closely with the Garden Club of America and many other partners, on consistent 'Weed Wrangles' across Tennessee and elsewhere. The Garden Club of America is an excellent partner with many resources and connections. This group should not be overlooked when expanding the message of the threat posed by invasive plant species.
  - Manning will send out template and encourages all to share. The link to the presentation can be accessed through 'ipc outreach' at the IPC web site at <http://www.invasiveplantcontrol.com>. The Weed Wrangle Template can also be accessed at <http://www.ipcwebsolutions.com/outreach.htm>.
- **North American Invasive Species Forum Organizing Committee Report (Hogan/Simpson)**

FICMNEW provided input on each of the three proposals submitted to host the next North American Invasive Species Forum (formerly Weeds Across Borders). Proposals were submitted by the North American Invasive Species Network (NAISN), the North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA), and Wildlife Forever. The NAISN proposal was selected with potential sites in south Florida (likely Fort Lauderdale or West Palm Beach). NAISN is requesting input on whether the forum should be held in 2016 or 2017 based on Federal budgets and support.
- **Participants' Roundtable (All)**
  - **USGS (Simpson)** – USGS works with invasive species data. Contact Annie Simpson if you have any invasive species occurrence datasets you would like to publicly share through the BISON (Biodiversity Information Serving Our Nation) mapping application. See: <http://bison.usgs.ornl.gov>.
  - **USDA APHIS (Jones, Tasker)** - Seven new weed risk assessments have been posted to the WRA web site (see: [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/ourfocus/importexport?ldmy&urile=wcm:path:/aphis\\_content\\_library/sa\\_our\\_focus/sa\\_plant\\_health/sa\\_domestic\\_pests\\_and\\_diseases/sa\\_pests\\_and\\_diseases/sa\\_weeds/sa\\_noxious\\_weeds\\_program/ct\\_riskassessments](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/ourfocus/importexport?ldmy&urile=wcm:path:/aphis_content_library/sa_our_focus/sa_plant_health/sa_domestic_pests_and_diseases/sa_pests_and_diseases/sa_weeds/sa_noxious_weeds_program/ct_riskassessments)). A weed risk assessment is a science-based evaluation of the potential of a plant species to establish, spread, and cause harm in the United States. PPQ may initiate an assessment for any number of reasons, including: evaluation of commodity import requests, detection of a new weed in the United States, and petitions for listing from stakeholders.
  - **NIFA (Norwierski)** – Inherited two new grant programs related to small businesses, will try to weave in some invasive plant issues.
  - **FHA (Rodinella)** – Congress has temporarily extended the FHWA program funding for the next two months.
- **Next meeting: May 24 at 2:30 PM.** Simpson will be sending email later about increasing participation in the public meeting.



## FICMNEW - public meeting notes

27-May-2015, 10:30 AM eastern

### Potential Acronyms List

Term/ Acronym	Meaning [note that some acronyms in this list may not appear in this document]
ACK55	Bioherbicide <i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> strain ACK55
AM	Ante Meridian (morning)
ANSTF	Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force
APHIS	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture
APIPP	Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program
ASAP	As Soon As Possible
BLM	Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior
BOR	Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Interior
CO	Colorado
CONABIO	National Commission for Knowledge and Use of Biodiversity (in Spanish)
CWMA	Cooperative Weed Management Area
D7	bioherbicide <i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i> strain D7
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DOE	Department of Energy
DOI	Department of Interior
DOS	Department of State
DOT	Department of Transportation
EA	Environmental Assessment
EAB	Emerald Ash Borer
EDDMapS	Early Detection and Distribution Mapping System
EDRR	Early Detection Rapid assessment and Response
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FACA	Federal Advisory Committee Act
FEIS	Fire Effects Information System
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation
FICMNEW	Federal Interagency Committee for the Management of Noxious Exotic Weeds
FWS	Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Interior
GrSG	Greater Sage Grouse
ICR	Internal Control Review
IPC	Invasive Plant Control, Inc.
IPM	Integrated Pest Management
ISAC	Invasive Species Advisory Committee (FACA Committee of NISC)
ITAP	Federal Interagency Committee on Invasive Terrestrial Animals and Pathogens

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MOU	Memorandum Of Understanding
NAISF	North American Invasive Species Forum; also "NAIS Forum" (formerly Weeds Across Borders),
NAISMA	North American Invasive Species Management Association (formerly NAWMA)
NAWMA	North American Weed Management Association (former name, now NAISMA)
NBVC	Naval Base Ventura County, Department of Defense
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization, generally not-for-profit
NIFA	National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Department of Agriculture
NISC	National Invasive Species Council
NISMS	National Invasive Species Management System (Bureau of Land Management)
NOAA	National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Agency, Department of Commerce
NPS	National Park Service, Department of Interior
NY	New York
OESHA	Office of Environment, Safety and Health Assessments, Department of Energy
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
PA	Pennsylvania
PM	Post Meridian (afternoon)
PRISM	Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management
RFP	Request For Proposals
RFS	Renewable Fuel Standard program (EPA)
RIN	Regulation Identification Number (EPA)
RRIS	Reduce Risks from Invasive Species Coalition
SAFED	FICMNEW elist for federal employees
SD-DA	South Dakota Department of Agriculture
TN	Tennessee
US	United States
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USFS	United States Forest Service, Department of Agriculture
USGS	United States Geological Survey, Department of Interior
WAB	Weeds Across Borders (now North American Invasive Species Forum)
WRA	Weed Risk Assessment